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**FORMER CONTROLLER OF SACRAMENTO MEDICAL GROUP
SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF NEARLY \$400,000**

SACRAMENTO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that MARY ENGSTROM, age 53, currently of Lovelock, Nevada, was sentenced to 17 months of imprisonment for embezzling over \$388,000 from Perinatal and Pediatrics Specialists Medical Group of Sacramento.

This case was the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia, sentenced ENGSTROM this afternoon to one year and five months in prison, ordered her to pay restitution in the amount \$388,355 to the Medical Group, and ordered her to serve a three-year term of supervised release following her release from imprisonment.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robert Tice-Raskin, who prosecuted the case, the defendant was a former manager of finance and controller of the Medical Group. Between June, 1999 and March, 2004, ENGSTROM embezzled \$388,355 from the Medical Group by writing a series of unauthorized checks to herself from the Medical Group's accounts and wiring money out of the Medical Group's accounts, all for her personal benefit.

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